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SUBJECT: CIVAIR: UNITOURS CHARTERS

REF: RIMAS/STEINMETZ TELECONS 4/21/77

1. TO CONFIRM REF TELCONS, UNITOURS, A US TOUR ORGANIZER HAS REQUESTED DEPARTMENT'S ASSISTANCE TO FACILITATE LONG-RANGE CONTINUATION OF ITS LOS ANGELES-MAZATLAN CHARTER TOURS. WE UNDERSTAND THAT HUGHES AIR WEST HAS SHORT-TERM AUTHORITY TO OPERATE UNITOUR'S CHARTERS, BUT THAT THE CONTINUATION OF SUCH AUTHORITY IS CONTINGENT UPON MEXICANA OBTAINING SHARE OF THIS BUSINESS.

2. UNITOURS REPORTEDLY HAS OFFERED TO MEXICANA OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE IN CARRIAGE OF LA-MAZATLAN CHARTERS. OFFER STILL STANDS. HOWEVER, MEXICANA HAS INDICATED THAT IT COULD CONDUCT ONLY LATE NIGHT FLIGHTS FROM MAZATLAN

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TO LOS ANGELES. UNITOURS CLAIMS THAT LATE NIGHT ARRIVALS IN LOS ANGELES WOULD PREVENT ON-GOING PASSENGERS FROM MAKING SAME DAY CONNECTIONS TO OTHER POINTS IN US. THIS WOULD NECESSITATE OVERNIGHT STAY IN LOS ANGELES, AND DISRUPT ENTIRE TOUR PROGRAM. ON THE OTHER HAND, AIR WEST FLIGHTS ARE IN LATE AFTERNOON AND ARRIVE IN LOS ANGELES IN TIME FOR PASSENGERS TO MAKE DESIRED CONNECTIONS.

ACCORDINGLY, UNLESS MEXICANA CAN PROVIDE SERVICE TO SUIT NEEDS OF TRAVELLING PUBLIC, IT WOULD REMAIN INELLIGIBLE FOR UNITOURS BUSINESS. ONLY ALTERNATIVE FOR UNITOURS IS TO EITHER HAVE FLIGHTS AT CONVENIENT TIMES, (SUCH AS THOSE OF AIR WEST) OR TO TERMINATE LOS ANGELES-MAZATLAN PROGRAM ENTIRELY. TOURS CANNOT BE SCHEDULED TO SUIT OPERATIONAL REQUIREMENTS OF MEXICANA, BUT MUST MEET CONVENIENCE OF THE PUBLIC.

3. DEPARTMENT APPRECIATES EMBASSY'S EFFORTS ON BEHALF OF UNITOURS IN EXPLAINING SUBJECT PROBLEM TO APPROPRIATE MEXICAN AUTHORITIES AND OBTAINING EXTENSION OF AIR WEST AUTHORITY. AT ITS DISCRETION, EMBASSY MAY FURTHER POINT OUT THAT UNITOURS CONTINUES TO BE WILLING TO OFFER CHARTER BUSINESS TO ANY AIRLINE WHICH CAN ACCOMMODATE THE NEEDS OF THE TOURISTS PARTICIPATING IN THIS PROGRAM. WE BELIEVE THE INTERESTS OF THE PUBLIC BOTH IN THE UNITED STATES AND MEXICO, WOULD BE ADEQUATELY SERVED IF NO IMPEDIMENTS WERE PLACED ON THE ABILITY OF THE TOUR ORGANIZER TO SELECT THE AIRLINE WHICH COULD BEST ACCOMMODATE THE NEEDS OF THE TOUR PROGRAM. SINCE IN THIS PARTICULAR CASE, IT APPEARS THAT AIR WEST IS THE ONLY AIRLINE THAT CAN PROVIDE THE REQUESTED SERVICE, WE WOULD BE CONCERNED IF THE MEXICAN AUTHORITIES WERE TO TERMINATE AIR WEST'S AUTHORIZATION UNDER THE PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES. NOT ONLY WOULD SUCH AN ACTION BE INCONSISTENT WITH THE PRINCIPLES OF COMITY AND RECIPROCITY BUT IT COULD ALSO RESULT IN EXAMINATION BY THE US AUTHORITIES OF ACCESS BY MEXICAN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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CHARTER FLIGHTS TO US POINTS. WE WOULD PREFER TO AVOID SUCH AN EXAMINATION, IF POSSIBLE.

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